

**Park, Trails & Open Space Committee**  
**Thursday, July 16, 2020**  
**6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**  
**Cottonwood Heights City Offices**

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**Attendees:** Ronna Cohen, Melissa Fields, Ben Hill, Erin Davis, Sarah Ricketts, Greg Hilbig, Michael Johnson, Mike Menssen, Jennifer Shah, Kristy Morrison, Christine Mikell, Ann Eatchel, Matthew Taylor

**Not Present:** Bruce Jorgensen, Greg Reid, Matthew Dominesey, Carl D (Dave) McFerren,

**Discussion:**

**City staff/council update**

**Mike Johnson, CH Community & Economic Development Director**

- The BST Trail Access plan was introduced to the planning commission last night
- Comments ranged from concerned about traffic impacts, lots of comments from people near the access points, comments for both sides
- Question: update on BST plan for land swap or re-designation? Mike has to look into it more, Greg H will send more info around, Christine M it's a bill and going before committee shortly, doesn't think it will go far bc committee is more conservation minded

<https://curtis.house.gov/press-releases/curtis-romney-introduce-bill-to-advance-the-popular-bonneville-shoreline-trail/>

- Melissa Fields - would it make sense for us to vote on this at the end of the meeting? MJ looking for a recommendation from planning commission AND PTOS, those two processes running side by side, thinks it will take 1-2 more planning commission meeting to get thru the comments
- Kristy Morrison - on the new parking section near Ferguson, talking about using part of it for dog park, part of trail access other neighborhoods, asking if there will be signage to not park on road if the lot is full, concern with overflow of vehicular traffic clogging up the neighborhood
- CM aware and working on it, thinks they have a good plan in place
- Kristy M - how are those residents feeling about the prospector parking lot? CM i don't think anyone understands how many are for/against, MJ - of the comments, a few are opposed to that parking lot and think 'it's natural, let's leave it natural'
- The prevailing theme of the comments are that regional access points are preferable, so why do we need the local access points? People want to keep the local access points out and just use the regional access points
- Greg H - seems to be a trend to use parking permits or to keep people from parking in the neighborhoods Jenn Shah - this is when wayfinding signage will be important,

**Ann Eatchel, CH Culture Manager**

- The city will have a rolling car show on Aug 22 at 6pm, the car show will go thru certain neighborhoods, there will be classic and antique cars
- Bark in the Park will not happen due to Covid-19 / inability to ensure social distancing
- Halloween Monster Mash will not happen either
- Wants to offer some sort of Eye-Spy in Cottonwood Heights - thinking some sort of paper/PDF you can download to go around and take a picture of 30 objects around town, it would take people around the city and to local parks, once completed, send back to win a gift card to something local
- Ann looking for what she can put in an 'Explore the Heights' box - maybe seeds, coloring pages, scavenger hunt type thing
- **Melissa Fields will aggregate ideas from everyone to use in the box and send to Ann**

#### **Ben Hill, Service Area Executive Director**

- They sent out charity golf tournament flyer - it is now cancelled
- Outdoor pool has been really busy, they are following all CDC/state guidelines, it is up to people/patrons to wear masks, they (lifeguards) are not the enforcers
- Pool can fit 1100 people in the water, the recommendation is to limit pool capacity so social distancing can happen on the pool deck, new capacity is around 500
- Since July 4th, numbers have declined, unsure why, haven't really hit capacity since then
- Pickleball tournament started yesterday, it is a week long tournament, splash pads won't open till we are downgraded to green risk
- Question: what is the status of the tennis courts at Antczak Park: 3 of the 4 courts are usable, of the two on south side, one is not usable, second is not far behind it, by the time they get to upgrading those courts might need to talk tennis v pickleball,

#### **Presentation, walking route interactive electronic maps**

##### **Melissa Blue, CH GIS Specialist/Ronna Cohen**

- Submitted 7 walks to the city, mostly in final edit form, few corrections left
- Melissa showed sample map - will do one for each of the 7 walks
- Also will be a webpage with links to all the walks and a place to download PDF,
- User can click on map to show where you are, info listed under each stop, etc
- Question: are there mile markers? No, there are not distances from spot to spot, will show total distance for the entire walk

<https://chcity.maps.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=b68afe6f32c547df9824d844cf926f3a>

#### **Presentation, PTOS masterplan update - Matt Taylor, CH Senior Planner**

- Reviewed status of the masterplan, where the plan is in development
- Building maps so we can start achieving goals set forth in document Matt sent around
- Let Matt know any suggestions
- Discussion about how to get the PTOS committee to have a say in improving regulations, how to make our committee part of the review process for new developments in the city
- Motion to include PTOS in development and review process if any development is adjacent or potential for connectivity;

**Ronna will look into how to make this into an ordinance so we can be part of the review process, greg seconded;**

### **Utah Open Lands open space campaign update**

- Councilmember Peterson is working with UOL to get a sign erected on the property to help educate people as to where the land is and how to donate
- Melissa is working on an Op Ed for the Salt Lake Tribune about the land that she'll share with the group before submitting
- \$70K in donations is needed for UOL to meet the \$200K challenge grant presented by the AHE/CI Trust, the deadline of which is September 10.
- Melissa encouraged all committee members to call or send an email to 20 of their friends asking them to support the campaign. Here's a link to the video UOL made about the land that people can include with their emails and the donate link:

Video: <https://youtu.be/0HCv-7g4RhA>

Donate Link: <https://www.utahopenlands.org/cottonwood-heights-bonneville-shore>

### **New Business**

- We discussed the BST Trailhead & Access plan. Kristy Morrison expressed concerns about how the plan does not address traffic issues around the existing Ferguson Trailhead.
- Councilmember Mikell reported that she and Mayor Peterson are meeting with neighbors near the Ferguson Trailhead today to address issues with street parking and trash left near the trailhead.
- Melissa expressed how she feels the BST Access & Trailhead plan does address traffic issues at the Ferguson Trailhead by finally providing a plan for the build out of the overflow parking and allowing walk-up access to the eventual BST by providing the local access points for neighbors who might otherwise drive up to the Ferguson trailhead to access the BST.
- Kristy did express how she liked the Ferguson Canyon overflow design and thought that is an ideal location for an off-leash dog area.

Since there was not quorum to vote on a recommendation of the BST Trailhead & Access plan for the City Council, Melissa will check with Mike Johnson about conducting an email vote and will get back with the group on that on Monday.

### **Review action items**

- Get ideas to Melissa about things/places within city parks to include on the photo scavenger hunt Ann Eatchel presented, as well as thoughts on items to include in the Explore the Heights boxes she is working on.
- Next meeting: August 19. The group discussed the possibility of hosting the meeting outside which Melissa will look into.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 19, 2020**